

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 13, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,095,404 (hereinafter "Chao") in view of U.S. Patent 6,357,515 (hereinafter "Bhatia").

35 U.S.C. § 103 Conditions for patentability; nonobvious subject matter

(c) Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

The prior art combined by the examiner to reject applicant's pending claims as being unpatentable, are owned by the same person, and were owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person at the time the claimed invention was made. In particular, the present pending application is assigned to the Intel Corp. The cited reference Bhatia is currently

assigned to the Intel Corp., and was assigned or subject to an obligation of assignment to the Intel Corp. at the time the presently claimed invention was made.

Therefore, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 103 c, the cited reference Bhatia is not to preclude the patentability of the applicant's claims.

CONCLUSION

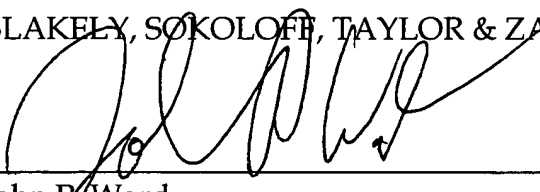
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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